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Dear Lisa Graetz:

In your response to your Public Records Request, please find the documentation categorized in the same order per your request.

1. Policies, criteria, state or local statute to determine reasons for the euthanasia of cats brought in after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Local and

State Statutes are already accessible to the public, however to help direct you, I will list the various codes you are seeking.

California Animal Laws: Code of Regulations Chapter 16, 2039. Business and Professional Code 4827. Civil Code 1834.4. Food and Agriculture Code 17006.

Food and Agriculture Code 31752.5. Penal Code 597f. Penal Code 597.1. Penal Code 599d

Town of Paradise Municipal Codes: 6.32.010 B. Duties Generally. The duties of the director of animal control are as follows: 3. To hold any dog not wearing a town license tag, or impounded cat, for a period of seventy-two hours whereupon, unless claimed by the owner within such time, the director of the animals control may thereafter dispose of or cause to be disposed of such dog or cat either by humanely putting it to death or by placement with a new owner; provided, that no such dog or cat shall be placed for use in any form of laboratory research or hospital teaching.

Town of Paradise Animal Control Policies,  
Procedures and Operations: XI Placement of Animals, section D

2. Policies, criteria, state or local statutes and training that PAC uses to assess whether a cat is a feral, community or a domestic cat.

Answer: Town of Paradise Municipal

Codes: 6.04.022 - Cat- "cat"

means any domesticated member of the feline family or either sex, or any age.

6.24.130 D- Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, it is lawful to trap feral cats, as defined under Food and Agriculture Code Section 31752.2, on private property with the prior permission of the private property owner without a permit. Only "live animal" traps shall be used, and traps shall be placed in such

a manner to protect the animal from rain or snow. If a skunk is inadvertently trapped, it will be referred to a licensed pest control provider for disposal. If any other animal, including a cat displaying a tag containing the name, address and telephone number of the owner, is inadvertently trapped, it shall be released at the location where trapped. All trapped feral cats shall be either disposed in a manner as prescribed by state and local laws, taken to a veterinarian to be neutered, or adopted as a pet. All trapping, transportation, disposal and neutering shall be at the sole expense of the person conducting the trapping. (Ord. 334 [§2](#), 1999: Ord. 325 [§1](#), 1999: Ord. 154 [§1](#), 1986)

Paradise Animal Control Officers attend the accredited Officer Humane Academy held in Novato, Ca. at the Marin Humane Society. The initial course is 80 hours, covering a wide array of animal control officer duties, which includes dog and animal behavior training, which is included in the certification. Officer Robbins has not only completed the initial 80 hour basic academy but the 40 hour advanced academy, as well as having taken years of animal husbandry classes at Santa Rosa Junior College.

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3. Intake forms for all cats, with their identifiers, photographs , microchip numbers and/or ID numbers assigned for tracking purposes that were brought into the facility after December 1, 2018  
4. The type of FIV testing method used in-house and a list of all cats tested.

Answer: Idexx Snap Test. Paradise Animal Shelter did not perform any in house FIV tests from December 1, 2018- March 11, 2019

5. The specific testing used for FIV testing (i.e. whole blood, serum or plasma) for each cat after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Idexx Snap test.

6. A list of all Veterinary facilities that PACS used to administer Veterinary care after December 1, 2018

Answer:

VCA Valley Oak Veterinary Center, Chico, CA.

Animal Hospital on the Ridge, Paradise, CA.

Spay & Neuter, Auburn, CA.

7. Copies of all euthanasia records for any cats performed at the PACS facility after December 1, 2018

Answer: There were no euthanasia's performed at the PACS facility after December 1, 2018.

8. Copies of all euthanasia records performed on cats taken in by PACS that took place at other facilities for cats after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Refer to the spread sheet created with intake/outtake information, with associated identifiers.

9. A list of all the cats with their identifiers that were adopted from PACS after December 1, 2018.  
Answer: Refer to the spread sheet with intake/outtake information with associated identifiers.

10. A list of all the facilities, shelters, fosters and programs to which PACS transferred cats after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Refer to the spread sheet with intake/outtake information with associated identifiers.

11. Copies of all invoices received from Veterinary Clinics for services rendered to cats on behalf of PACS after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Refer to the spread sheet with intake/outtake information with associated identifiers. Also, note that our invoice from Spay & Neuter is under our name, however, make note we are covering the costs for the Pentz Road BaseCamp, we also received a Grant that we were able to apply towards that invoice. We have utilized

the services of Animal Hospital on the Ridge in Paradise, Ca. and also VCA Valley Oak Veterinary Hospital in Chico, Ca. Unfortunately at this time, I am unable to provide the records from VCA due to the fact that they put every single animal brought in during and long after the CampFire, by residents, rescue groups, pet owners and so on, under our Paradise Animal Control account. They have admitted to us this was an unfortunate decision on their part because it has created a lot of work on their end to sort out all the animals that were actually brought in by Paradise Animal Control verses good Samaritans or actual pet owners. I cannot predict for them when they will have this issue resolved and back in order.

12. Invoices and payments to Animal Disposal/Crematorium services for disposal of deceased cats with the identifiers after December 1, 2018.

Answer: Paradise Animal Shelter did not have power to their building for nearly two months, so we were unable to make accommodations for deceased animals. Since December 1, 2018, we have regained power to the shelter building, however our disposal unit has only been holding deceased wild animals we have found within the town of Paradise.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Robbins

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